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1. One airfield is located in the northwest part of Kazanlik, on the outskirts of the city. Total area of the airfield is 300 to 400 dekaras; it has no runways. There is one large hanger with a capacity of approximately thirty twin-engined planes. The barracks located on the field is now occupied by a tank regiment. This tank unit is equiped with 45-ton TIGER tanks.

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Two other tank regiments were transferred to Bankya near Sofia from Kazanlik in August 1950. The field is not used by either military or civilian airplanes except for an occasional visit by a Red Cross Plane.

2. The second small airfield is located approximately five kilometers southeast of Kazanlik near the village of Ovosenik. The field is pasture land and is used only between the months of May and September. 12 to 14 training planes (bi-wing). Over the entrance to the barracks area, located across from the field, was a sign reading "Sport i Technika". The field was used for training purposes with one aircraft mounted on a platform and used as a training aid. students at the field in the summer of 1948. At that time only boys were trained; however, out of the 50 to 60 students there this summer (1950) five or six were girls. The students were about 20 to 22 years of age. They wore airforce blue uniforms styled after the Trudovak uniforms.

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